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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Approval of: (i) Contract Administration, Least Cost Dispatch and Power Procurement Activities in 2012, (ii) Costs Related to those Activities Recorded to the Energy Resource Recovery Account and Transition Cost Balancing Account in 2012 and (iii) Costs Recorded in Related Regulatory Accounts in 2012.

Application 13-05-016
(Filed May 31, 2013)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to March 31, 2015.

Background

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5 provides that ratesetting matters such as this application shall be resolved within 18 months of issuance of the scoping memo for the proceeding, unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days.

In this proceeding, the scoping memo and ruling was issued on July 31, 2013; therefore, the 18-month statutory deadline for resolving the proceeding is January 30, 2015.

On May 31, 2013, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed Application (A.) 13-05-016 requesting approval of Contract Administration, Least Cost Dispatch and Power Procurement Activities in 2012 and other related costs described in the above caption. SDG&E did not request authority for recovery of these costs in rates. The application was protested on June 28, 2013 by the Utility Consumer Action Network (UCAN) and by the Division of Ratepayer Advocates, now Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), on July 3, 2013. SDG&E filed its reply to these protests on July 15, 2013.

On July 9, 2013, a prehearing conference was held to establish the service list, discuss the scope of this proceeding, and develop a procedural timetable for the management of this proceeding. On July 31, 2013, the scoping memo and ruling was issued to address the scope of the proceeding. It was established that this proceeding was going to examine whether SDG&E's proposed revenue requirement and rates associated with its 2012 Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) and other balancing and memorandum accounts are reasonable.

On November 24, 2014, an e-mail ruling was issued requiring parties to submit status report on settlement discussions. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until March 31, 2015, is necessary to provide parties with an opportunity to resolve the scope issued through settlement discussions.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. We waive the period for public review and comment pursuant to this rule.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michel Peter Florio is the assigned Commissioner and Seaneen M. Wilson is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. This proceeding was initiated on May 31, 2013.
2. The 18-month statutory deadline for resolving this proceeding is January 30, 2015.
3. An extension of time until March 31, 2015, is necessary to provide parties with an opportunity to resolve the scope issued through settlement discussions.

Conclusions of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted the Commission under Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline for this proceeding should be extended to March 31, 2015.
2. Pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(4), the comment period for the proposed decision should be waived.

IT IS ORDERED that the extension of the statutory deadline for this proceeding is extended to March 31, 2015.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.